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Title: PACKAGED PRODUCT FOR INK-JET RECORDING MATERIAL, AND
RECORDING METHOD AND RECORDED MATERIAL USING INK-JET
RECORDING MATERIAL

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT: TO BE ENTERED PRIOR
TO CALCULATION OF FILING FEE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment of the subject new
application prior to calculation of the fee for filing the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 13 and 15 as follows (see the attached Appendix for the
changes made to effect the below claim):

Claim 13. (Amended) A recording method which causes an ink composition
to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium,
wherein the ink-jet recording material of claim 1 is used as the recording medium..

Claim 15. (Amended) An ink-jet recording method which sprays droplets of
an ink composition and causes the droplets to adhere to a recording medium so as

to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of claim 1 is used as the recording medium.

Please add new claims 17-20 as follows:

-- Claim 17. A recording method which causes an ink composition to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of claim 7 is used as the recording medium..

Claim 18. A recording material on which printing has been conducted by the recording method of claim 17.

Claim 19. An ink-jet recording method which sprays droplets of an ink composition and causes the droplets to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of claim 7 is used as the recording medium.

Claim 20. A recording material on which printing has been conducted by the recording method of claim 19. --

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment revises the multiple dependent claims 13 and 15 to be single dependent claims and accordingly adds new claims 17-20 to thus reduce the filing fee for the subject application. New claims 17-20 correspond to claims 13-16, respectively. No new matter has been added.

Entry of this amendment and favorable consideration of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX SHOWING REVISIONS OF CLAIMS

Proposed Amendments To Claim 13 and 15 Showing Deletions And Insertions.

Claim 13. (Amended) A recording method which causes an ink composition to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of [any one of claims 1 to 12] claim 1 is used as the recording medium..

Claim 15. (Amended) An ink-jet recording method which sprays droplets of an ink composition and causes the droplets to adhere to a recording medium so as to conduct printing on the recording medium, wherein the ink-jet recording material of [any one of claims 1 to 12] claim 1 is used as the recording medium.